

3 Administrative Changes Made

New Provost



Lawrence E. Dennis

Dennis Was Writer for Newspaper

Lawrence E. Dennis, who will succeed to the post of University provost "on or before June 30, 1956," was an editorial writer for a Des Moines, Iowa, newspaper before assuming his present post as administrative assistant to the president in 1954.

Dennis said yesterday that it is a "great honor to have been selected to succeed one of the country's educational statesmen, Mr. A. O. Morse, and my one desire is that I shall be able to serve the institution, faculty, students, and people of Pennsylvania with the same dedication to higher education that has characterized Mr. Morse's career as provost."

Before joining the Des Moines Register and Tribune staff, Dennis held the post of special assistant to the United States Commissioner of Education in Washington, D.C.

He was named vice chairman of the Commission on Higher Education by Gov. George M. Leader this month.

Born in Virginia, Minn., Dennis received his B.A. from Iowa State Teachers College and his M.A. in journalism from the University of Minnesota. He has done work for his Ph.D.

He is a member of the American Political Science Association, Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic fraternity; the Association for Education in Journalism, and the United States Adult Education Association.

Committee OK's Pi Sigma Upsilon As 54th Fraternity

The number of fraternities at the University swelled to 54 yesterday when Senate Committee on Student Affairs approved Pi Sigma Upsilon's request for recognition as a fraternity.

Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director of student affairs, said yesterday that Pi Sigma Upsilon's charter has been approved by the committee. The new fraternity will begin serving a year's probationary period immediately. The probationary period is required of all new fraternities.

During the period, a fraternity is not allowed to operate a house, but may sponsor social functions until 12 midnight.

There are 14 charter members of the fraternity. Faculty adviser is Michael R. Lynch, agriculture extension instructor.

Comptroller Held Post At Furman

Dr. Kenneth R. Erfft, whose selection as University comptroller was announced yesterday, was a business manager of Furman University before taking his present post of associate comptroller in 1954.

Dr. Erfft said yesterday that he hopes he "will be able to measure up to the high standards which have been set for the conduct for this office through the years by Mr. (Samuel K.) Hostetter."

Hostetter announced his retirement Monday. It will be effective June 30, 1956.

Born in Chicago, Dr. Erfft received his B.A. from Michigan College, his M.A. from the University of Richmond, and his Ph.D. in literature from MacLean College. He has also completed work on a Ph.D. in philosophy.

In 1946 he was named to the staff of Furman University and as business manager was responsible for business operations of the institution, including the accounting department, housing, dining facilities, purchasing, and non-academic personnel. He also handled investments, securities, and other financial matters.

He is the author of "Thomas Edward Brown—A Biographical Study."

He is a member of Phi Epsilon, honorary scholastic society; Tau



Dr. Kenneth R. Erfft
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Kappa Alpha honorary forensic society; Theta Omicron Rho, social fraternity; Kiwanis International, and the American Speech Association. He is a past president of the board of directors of the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers.

Vice President



Dr. Eric A. Walker

Eng Dean Gets Post In Old Main

Dr. Eric A. Walker, who will assume the post of vice president of the University June 30, 1956, has served as dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture since 1951.

From 1942 to 1945, Dr. Walker held the posts of research associate, assistant director, and associate director of the Harvard Underwater Sound Laboratory at Cambridge, Mass., where he had charge of development of ordnance weapons.

From 1945 to 1951, he served as director of the University's Naval Ordnance Research Laboratory, and as professor and head of the department of electrical engineering.

Born in Long Eaton, England, Dr. Walker attended high school at Wrightsville, Pa., and received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees at Harvard University.

He has served as a vice president of the American Society for Engineering Education and as a director of the Engineering College Research Council.

He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the American Physical Society, a fellow of the Acoustical Society of America, Tau Beta Pi, engineering honor society, and a registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

Dr. Walker is in New York City, and could not be contacted for comment on his new position.

Vice Presidential Post Re-Established

Three top administrative changes—including the re-establishment of the post of vice president—were announced yesterday by President Milton S. Eisenhower.

Dr. Eric A. Walker was named vice president, Lawrence E. Dennis was chosen provost, and Dr. Kenneth R. Erfft was selected comptroller.

The position of vice president came as a surprise since it was held only once before in the history of the University and had been vacant for almost half a century.

Dr. Walker, now dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture, will assume his new duties June 30, 1956.

The three principal functions of the vice president, as set down by the executive committee of the Board of Trustees, will be to coordinate and stimulate the research program of the University; to supervise operational, but not financial, activities, heretofore under the comptroller (housing, personnel, employee relations, food services, purchasing, and physical plant); and to act in behalf of the President upon his absence.

Dennis Succeeds Morse

Dennis, administrative assistant to the President, will succeed A. O. Morse, whose resignation was announced last Friday. Dennis' new duties will go into effect when Morse's resignation becomes effective June 30, 1956.

Dr. Erfft, presently associate comptroller, will succeed to the post of comptroller upon the retirement of Samuel K. Hostetter, whose retirement plans were announced Monday.

When President George W. Atherton died in 1906, the Board of Trustees named General James A. Beaver acting president, and Dr. Judson P. Welsh, then vice president of the Bloomsburg State Normal School (now a State Teachers' College) was chosen vice president.

Welsh Was Registrar

Besides serving as vice president, Dr. Welsh held the post of financial agent and performed the duties of the registrar from 1906-08, according to "The History of the Pennsylvania State College" by W. F. Dunaway.

In explaining the changes, President Eisenhower said that the vice president, comptroller, and provost will each be directly responsible to the president.

Dr. Erfft will supervise the work of the department of accounting, will be in charge of all financial and budgetary matters, and will serve as treasurer of the University.

Comptroller Receives Aid

"The new arrangement will help to free the comptroller so that he can give more of his time to the increasingly pressing financial and budgetary problems of all (Continued on page eight)

Columnist Sees Trend For Prexy

Roscoe Drummond, in his syndicated column Monday, said some highly placed interests from the ranks of the old Citizens-for-Eisenhower campaign are beginning to flow to Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of the University.

Drummond, a nationally-known political writer, expressed his thoughts on whom the Republican party would call upon if President Dwight D. Eisenhower does not run for a second term.

Activity Still 'Premature'

Writing under a Washington dateline, Drummond said: "Here, too, the activity is not yet in the open because it is premature, but the advocacy of the case for Milton's nomination is strategically located."

He went on to say he runs into "Milton Eisenhower talk" more and more and some of it in quarters where "things could be made to happen."

Prexy 'Close' Adviser

One person—not identified in the column—Drummond said he talked to had this to say: "I don't pretend to know what influences other voters. But I know what would influence me. I ask myself: who is President Eisenhower's closest, most trusted, most influential adviser and I know the answer is Milton Eisenhower."

"If Milton Eisenhower were president, who would be his closest, most trusted, most influential adviser? The answer is that it would be Dwight D. Eisenhower. I would like that very much. I think many other voters might, too."

Prexy 'Well Qualified'

Of Dr. Eisenhower's qualifications, Drummond said that despite his academic association as president of Kansas State College and now as president of the University, Milton Eisenhower has had more varied and substantial experience in government than Woodrow Wilson when he was nominated and more political experience than his brother when President Eisenhower was nominated.

Seely Announces Cabinet Recess

All-University Cabinet will not meet tonight, All-University President Earl Seely has announced.

The added week will allow Cabinet members more time to think about and discuss the question of resuming University membership in the National Student Association, he said.

The recess will also allow members to think of points which could be included in the NSA program, if Cabinet approves the resumption. Cabinet is expected to act on the question at next Thursday's meeting.

East, West Look to Geneva for Peace

GENEVA, Oct. 26 (AP)—East and West concentrated on Geneva tonight to see if the spoken desire for world peace can be put into practical form.

The foreign minister of Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union meet tomorrow to carry out the directive of the summit conference here last July when the chief of government ordained world tensions must be lessened.

Both Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov and U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles expressed hope on their arrival that "the spirit of Geneva" created by the summit parley can be retained as the keystone in diplomatic efforts to reduce East-West friction.

In spite of their hopeful comments, the two diplomats spelled out differences of opinion. Dulles said his delegation would work hard to carry out the Big Four aim of handling the closely linked problems of German reunification and European security. He mentioned these in that order.

In his equally careful description of the objectives, Molotov listed European security first, Germany second and disarmament third.

British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan observed merely that the foreign ministers were meeting to take up the work started by the heads of state. He offered "a prayer to Providence that we may succeed."

France's Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay, embroiled in his nation's multiple worries over rebel-

lious Morocco and Algeria, the Saar's upsetting pro-German vote and the possibility of his own government facing a vote of confidence, came late.

Jaunty and self-assured, Dulles said the spirit of Geneva is identified now with the hopes of all the world for lasting peace.

Facing the Big Four were these basic problems:

1. European security and reunification of divided Germany.
2. World disarmament.
3. Trade and cultural exchange between East and West.

Creeping into the picture were last minute developments the conference may have to deal with before it closes, probably in three weeks. One of these issues is an Israeli complaint that the Soviet Union is supplying arms to Egypt through satellite Czechoslovakia.